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The Daily Courant.

Saturday, May 1. 1703.

London, April 30. *To Day arriv'd the Mail from* Holland *of* Tuesday *last, that of the* Friday *before is wanting.*

From the Paris Gazette, dated May 5.

Strasburg, April 25.

THE Marshal de Villars arriving on the 18th of this Month near the Enemies Lines, went to take a View of them and found them almost inaccessible, by reason of the Strength of their Retrenchments, and the little extent of Ground they had to defend: The rest being encumber'd with Woods and Morasses. Wherefore he chose to attempt to attack them on their Right, making Advantage of some Hills separated from those possess'd by the Enemy. Accordingly he order'd the Marquess de Blainville Lieutenant General, with the Marquess de Chamarande, Mr. Lee, and the Sieur de Tressemanes on that Service. Who found that those Hills were separated from those possess'd by the Enemies, by deep Bottoms which render'd that Project impracticable; and the Marshal de Villars who went and took a View of the Ground they were to pass, was of the same Opinion. The Day after, being the 20th, The Marshal de Tallard pass'd the Rhine over the Bridge of Kehl with part of his Army, and advanc'd towards Lichtenau, where he arriv'd on the 22d, to make a Diversion on the side of Stolhoffen. On the 23d, The Marshal de Villars resolv'd to possess himself of a Post which the Enemies had fortified before their Lines, it was carried without much Resistance, with the Loss of 4 Officers and 30 Grenadiers kill'd and wounded; then he discover'd more clearly that it was impossible to force the Lines, without risquing the Loss of too many Men: Whereupon the Marshal de Tallard decamp'd on the 24th, and repass'd the Rhine the 25th over the Bridge at Kehl. The Marshal de Villars has likewise decamp'd to return towards Kintzig; but 'tis not known yet whither he will march. A great Number of Deserters came over while our Troops lay before the Enemy, who all report, that they were very much incommoded by the Batteries of the Marshal de Villars, that among others, a Major-General and a Collonel were kill'd, and that their Troops suffer'd very much.

From the Paris Gazette a la main, dated May 4.

Letters from Strasbourg of the 25th, confirm that the Marshal de Tallard repass'd the Rhine on the 27th with part of his Army, and march'd towards the Moselle, That the Count de Marsin commands the Troops that remain in Alsatia; And that 'twas given out that the Marshal de Villars was marching towards the Black-Forrest to endeavour to joyn the Troops of the Elector of Bavaria; having receiv'd Advice that part of those Troops are on their way to meet him with a great Quantity of Provisions and Ammunition. P. S. By a Courier from the Marshal de Villars we are inform'd of the Particulars of his March, and the Route he intends to take to joyn the Elector of Bavaria. The Marquis de Blainville who leads the Vanguard of the Army consisting of 20 Battallions and 30 Squadrons, is enter'd into the Valley of Kintzig, and has attack'd and taken the Castle of Hasslach, defended by 180 Men who were made Prisoners. There are 3 more Redoubts at Walsac a Castle in the Principality of Furstenberg. From Walsac to Rotweil an Imperial Town the Ways are very good, where they will enter into a Plain, in which they believe they shall find Elector of Bavaria's Troops; The Marshal de Villars follows close the Marquis de Blainville with the rest of the Army.

From the Leiden Gazette, dated May 8.

They write from Frankfort of the 2d, that the French lost 4000 Men in the Attack of the Lines of Stolhoffen, and the Allies 500. That 450 of the French were taken Prisoners, among them several brave Officers. That the Allies took likewise 253 of their Waggons loaded with Ammunitions of War and Provisions, together with 8 Pieces of Cannon, 2 Pair of Kettle-Drums, 5 Standards and 6 Colours. These Letters add, that at the coming away of the Courier, they had News from Strasbourg, That the Count de Tallard had again past the Rhine with his Army, and joyn'd the Marshal de Villars, to endeavour together to make their way through the Valley of Kintzig and joyn the Elector of Bavaria.

Letters from Nuremberg say, That Count Stirum has taken by Capitulation the Castle of Rotenberg in the Upper Palatinate, in which were garrison'd 400 Bavarians who are march'd out with their Arms and Baggage; And that that General has since drawn closer to Amberg. Of which we expect a Confirmation.

Letters from the Camp at Stolhoffen of the 1st instant tell us, That the Marshal de Villars is moving towards the Valley of Kintzig to endeavour to force a Passage and joyn the Elector of Bavaria, who 'tis said is marching to meet him, and is advanc'd to Willingen with 10000 Men to facilitate this Junction; But that 'twas hoped the Count of Furstemberg who commands in that Valley will maintain his Ground against them; and that the better to enable him so to do, Prince Lewis of Baden has sent him a Reinforcement of 3 Regiments.

From the Harlem Courant, dated May 8.

Heilbron, May 1. General Stirum since the taking of Rotenburg has rais'd great Contributions in the Upper-Palatinate, and is joyn'd by General Schuylenburg with 6 or 8000 Men, most Saxons. Whereupon he is march'd towards the Elector of Bavaria, and has already pass'd Nordlingen. P. S. At the going away of the Post 'tis discours'd here as a thing certain, that the French having attempted to break through the Kintziger Dale, were repuls'd with the Loss of 2000 Men, and that 100 of their Horse and Dragoons had deserted to the Imperialists, of which we expect a Confirmation.

From the Hague Gazette, dated May 7.

From the Camp before Bonn, May 4. My Lord Duke of Marlborough having concerted Measures with Monsieur Coehorn and the other Generals, all things being ready, it was resolv'd to open the Trenches in 3 several places. The principal Attack on the other side of the Rhine against the Fort will be

be commanded by Lieutenant General Fagel; the ſecond below the Town by the Hereditary Prince of Heſſe Caſſel; and the other above the Town by Major General Dedem. The Workmen, with the Troops appointed to ſecond them, were brought to their Poſts at 9 laſt Clock at Night. They work'd till Midnight, breaking up Ground, without being diſcover'd; but then the beſieg'd began to fire upon them, and continued to do ſo till this Morning, tho' very moderately. Our Men work'd with ſo much diligence that they were well nigh cover'd within 3 Hours after they broke up Ground, and were perfectly cover'd before day-break, having carried on the Trenches with great Succeſs and very little Loſs, even much leſs than might have been expected in a Siege of ſo much Importance; 300 Workmen were employ'd in the chief Attack; 800 in the ſecond; and 600 in the third; who will be reliev'd at 4 this Afternoon. Theſe Workmen were cover'd by 10 Battallions of Foot, viz. 4 at the Attack of the Prince of Heſſe ſupported by 300 Horſe; and 3 at each of the two others ſupported each by 200 Horſe; beſides the Picquet. The Duke of Marlborough will make a Viſit to the Elector Palatine to day after his Grace has Din'd, and will return this Evening to the Camp. Lieutenant General Buleau has inveſted Saffemburg with a Body of Horſe, to hinder the Garriſon of that Place from incommoding the Allies during the Siege of Bonn.

From the Amſterdam Gazette, dated May 7.

Letters from France adviſe, That the Marſhal de Montrevel took the Field on the 19th to enter into Action againſt the Malecontents in the Sevennes, who increaſe daily in number; He has ſet forth a new Ordonnance which is very rigorous, in which he declares, That for every old Catholick they kill, he will execute 10 new Converts; and burn 4 Houſes of the latter, for one that ſhall be burnt of the former; He has ſeiz'd all the Inhabitants of ſeveral Villages, viz. thoſe of Miallet, Sumene, and others, who will be tranſplanted into Rouſſilon: All which Severities augment the Deſolation of that Province, and the number of the Malecontents.

From the Leiden Courant, dated May 9.

Amſterdam, May 7. They write from Geneva, That they have receiv'd no Letters from Niſmes for ſeveral Poſts together, whence they conjecture that a ſtop is put to the ſending any more Letters from thence. Letters from Heilbron, Heidelberg and Frankfort ſay, That the French attempting to break through the Kintziger Vale, had taken the Poſt of Haſſael and driven out 150 Imperialiſts that defended it; but were afterwards vigorouſly attack'd and beaten out of it, leaving 2000 Men and about 1000 Horſe dead behind them.

Hague, May 6. The Engliſh Pacquet-Boat which had the Letters from London of the 27th of April, was taken by a Privateer and carried into Oſtend,

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